

would have us do. I move that the subject be dropped." The motion prevailed almost unanimously. It was the voice of a faithful servant of God, speaking on the brink of the grave. In a little while they laid him away.

I remember too, E. K. Norton and his wife Clarissa. Surely they were pioneers in all that goes for the improvement of the community and for the best interest among those with whom they lived. Their farm was for many years the experimental station for all modern improvements in agriculture, horticulture and [sic]. Their beautiful home was the mecca of all who sought to come under the influence of an ideal life.

"In that mansion used to be  
Free hearted hospitality.  
His great fires up the chimney roared,  
The stranger feasted at his board."

I remember also Sylvester E. North. There is no question that he is one of the original pioneers. He had a clear head and a sarcastic tongue when he wanted to use it, which was not infrequently. Remember an argument he had with a minister of the gospel who did not believe that immersion was the only way of baptism. Uncle North cited the fact that Jesus was baptised in the river Jordan. The minister contended that the word in the Greek "in" or "Into" could just as well be translated "near" or "close to." Mr. North answered. "My friend, I am very much obliged to you for that bit of information. It explains so much that I did not understand. NOW I see that Daniel was not cast INTO the lions den, but just NEAR or CLOSE TO THE DEN, just so he could have a good view of the show and of the animals. Now I understand that story about Jonah. I never could understand how Jonah could have lived in the whales belly. Now I see, he wasn't in the whale at all only just NEAR, just CLOSE enough to the whale so that he could make a good fish story for all fishermen to try to rival." Needless to say the minister was silenced.

#### Hardy New England Stock

The pioneers of Clinton came from New England. They came from hardy stock and they all had been trained in the hard schools of poverty and adversity. They were used to digging a scanty living out of the sterile and meager soil of New England where the hard pan was up to the third rail of the fences and where they could raise Indian corn only by following the rule taught them by the Indians by planting three kernels in a hill with a cod fish, New England standard fertilizer under each kernel. They were men and women of